

WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MAY 12, 2004



In Attendance:

Paul Barthel; Department of Public Works, Highway Commissioner Representative
Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki; Medical Representative
Ms. Susie Just; PARC Task Force
Lieutenant Erik Kehl; City of Delafield Police Department Representative
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative
Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Vice-Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator
Sergeant Russell Paar; Town of Oconomowoc Police Department
Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Vice-Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department made a motion to approve the minutes, and Specialist Steven Kraus from the City of Waukesha Police Department seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

❖ PARC Task Force

Susie Just brought along a DVD for viewing to the Traffic Safety Commission reference a condensed version of the highlights of the DS2 re-enactment. DS2 is an event including a motor vehicle crash caused by drunk driving, a trip to a hospital trauma unit, a visit to the Waukesha County Morgue, a sentencing hearing, and other sessions. The committee; however, was not able to view the DVD, due to equipment problems at the facility. She also distributed a handout on "DS2 – Drive Safe Drive Sober".

Susie Just also stated that they now have a website, which is:
www.parctaskforce.org.

❖ Medical

Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki handed out a list of “Waukesha County Medical Examiner’s Office Fatal Crashes January 1 – May 11, 2004”. She stated so far this year there have not been any teenage fatalities.

❖ Waukesha County Department Of Public Works

Paul Barthel stated they are going through a list of warranted signals from accident locations. The intersections they will be looking at first will be: Barker and Gebhardt, Beloit and Sunnyslope, and CTH K and Brookfield. He stated to the Traffic Safety Commission members that if they know of any locations or intersections with high volumes of traffic, to let him know and they will do a study on them.

❖ Town of Oconomowoc Police Department

Sergeant Paar asked Susie Just if there would be any more immediate funding. She stated that alcohol grant money will soon arrive. The “Buckle Up Mobilization DOT Safety Grant” will be held from 05-24-04 to 06-06-04. There will be a press release coming out reference this. It was stated that the best times for enforcement are from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., on Fridays and Saturdays; and around 2:00 p.m., on Saturdays. Susie Just also stated there will not be much more funding after May. At the next meeting of the PARC Task Force it will be brought up to make a committee and to get commitments from different chiefs to get funds for saturations. PARC does regularly give certificates of appreciation to the chiefs at their municipal meetings to thank them for participating in saturation patrols.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had two fatal accidents:

Date of Accident: 03-06-04:

Location: STH 67, Approximately .2 mile south of West Wilton Road

This was a single vehicle accident where a 1999 Mercedes left the roadway and struck a tree, in the Town of Eagle. The driver was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital, and the female passenger, his wife, died from injuries. The accident was possibly related to the driver having a seizure at the time of the accident.

Date of Accident: 05-05-04:

Location: CTH R, .1 mile west of CTH C

A motorcycle traveling eastbound on CTH R failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway, and struck two highway signs, and ended up against a guardrail. Alcohol and high speed were factors in this accident. He was pronounced dead at Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Specialist Steven Kraus from the City of Waukesha Police Department. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(Minutes approved on 08-11-04)